

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I move the question.

PRESIDENT: A motion has been...I don't think there are any other speakers anyway. Thank you very much for the question. I will recognize Senator Vickers to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think this issue has been debated pretty well. I would only reiterate what I have said before and that is that the purpose...one of the main purposes of the bill was to protect the people exposed to potentially hazardous materials because of the rail accidents and so forth across this state; my concern with the volunteer fire departments, with the ambulance personnel, with the people that might have been involved in the accident itself, with the train employees, who really do not know what it is that they are handling. And I want to also indicate that I...because I had indicated to Senator Beyer that this was the main part of the bill as far as I was concerned, please do not misunderstand, I think it is also important that employees in any occupation in this state that are handling hazardous materials at least know what it is that they are handling and what it is that they are being exposed to, at least be aware of the dangers. You know, I am a farmer and we handle hazardous materials. We handle those cans of various things, insecticides and a lot of other stuff that says right on them, "Dangerous, Handle With Care, and follow the recommendations", and so forth, and I wouldn't think, I wouldn't think of having an employee of mine or somebody to help me that hadn't read those notices on those cans. I would want them to know what it was they were dealing with. I would want them to understand that they needed to handle it with caution and with care. You know, it is kind of like a rattlesnake. I am not afraid of rattlesnakes, but I respect the heck out of them, and the same thing is true with these types of chemicals. We don't need to be afraid of them if we know what they are and respect them, know how to react if there is an accident, know what to do if something should happen. And if you happen to be unfortunate enough to come across an accident on the rail line that the weigh bill is like the one that I showed you, that simply says, "Dangerous, Contains Hazardous Material", and if you are a volunteer fireman, you better hope you guess right. You better hope you guess right whatever material it is you use. Or if you are living close